

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
August 29, 2014

Dates to Remember:

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| September 1, 2014 | Labor Day - City Offices Closed – no residential garbage pickup |
| September 11, 2014 | Commission Workshop |
| September 15, 2014 | Commission meeting |

Staff Reports

Library Director Barrett reports:

- Volunteer assistance is still needed from any person willing to be trained to help us in the Library. Call the library at 983-1493 and ask for Ava.
- Computer Basics Class will start in the Library on Thursday August 28, 2014 at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. There is still space in the early class but the late evening class is full at this time.
- Free practice for the driver's permit test now available through your Library. Check it out at www.hendrylibraries.org.
- Complete directory of top accredited online schools, online colleges and online universities of 2014 now accessible for FREE @ hendrylibraries.org.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Unfortunately we have seen another dog bite this week. A young child suffered a serious bite from the family pet. The child was transferred to Palms West Hospital for treatment. The dog was surrendered to animal control authorities.
- We have experienced yet another minor dust-up at the nursing home. That makes three separate incidents of disturbance between various patients recently. No charges have been filed.
- City wide we seem to be having an increase in the number of domestic disturbances. Fortunately there have been no serious injuries.
- Code Enforcement is taking a great deal of our time lately. The wet and warm weather makes it nearly impossible to keep up with the overgrown lot issues. Junk and buildings in disrepair are also driving complaints up.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:

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| 1101 | Commercial / Residential Security Checks |
| 585 | Complaints Investigated |
| 17 | Arrests Made |
| 19 | Traffic Citations Issued |
| 16 | Traffic Warnings Issued |
| 13 | Code Violations Opened |

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| 36 | Red Light Camera Violations |
| 63 | Merchant Escorts Provided |
| 14 | Alarms Responded To |
| 2 | Traffic Accidents Investigated |

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: An aerial application is scheduled for Saturday (Sunday as an alternate) before the Labor Day weekend. Ground trucks are to run Friday night, with special attention to the football stadium area.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Progress is slower than staff wanted, or expected, with the planting of Anna Nidia Palms on Bond Street. Equipment issues and small areas with a lot of roots from previous trees is a bigger issue than thought and digging a hole big enough for the large palms is a challenge. A special thanks to the Utility Department staff for helping us. We expect to be finished planting Thursday. (2) Perseverance is what it took to get the boat basin bank cleared again. We have contacted two aquatic weed control companies to give us quotes to keep the water clean. We will be using a “growth retardant” to spray the bank.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) We are still working in the Senior Citizens Building and progress is being made. The latest accomplishments are: A/C ducts are in, floor repair completed, walls are ready to paint and scheduled to be done this week. Carpet installation is scheduled for the first of next week. (2) Two more AC units went down this week, one at the Library and one at the Pro Shop.
- Boy Scout Projects: The last project, rebuilding back stops in the Sugarland Park area, is about to get started. Posts pulled from the “Ten Acre Field” on Esperanza were taken to the Operations Yard and will be used for this final Scout project.
- Paving project: The 2015 project bid opening is scheduled for August 28th.
- FDOT (SCOP) projects: Public Works Director Scheffler has been working with Maria Cahill and City Engineer Tommy Perry in preparing two requests for project funding. The Ventura project is for 3,175LF of drainage with water quality features, overlay and street striping from South Deane Duff to Francisco with an estimated cost of \$950,000. The Pasadena project is for 1,300LF of drainage and overlay with an estimated cost of \$295,000. These estimates include engineering design, permits and construction.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- Six (6) new backstops are nearly completed at the 10 acre field.
- The outfield fence on field #8 at Sugarland Sports Complex will be moved from 300’ to 200’ beginning next week. This move will allow the addition of soccer fields and give access to athletic fields that were previously underutilized.
- The remodeling of the Sr. Citizen Center is nearing completion as well. A “Grand Opening” is in the works!
- CHS “Fall Baseball” is practicing on Stalls Field at Sugarland Sports Complex every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.
- Summer is slipping away! Get your “pool time” in while you can! The C.S. Mott Pool and the James Mason Pool will both close for the year on September 2nd.
- Sugar Dolls will begin their registration for the 2014-15 season at the Youth Center beginning Sept. 6th at 3:30 p.m.

- Guitar lessons will be offered at the Youth Center beginning Sept. 9th on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. The cost of the lessons is \$20.00 per class. Contact the Youth Center at 983-1492 if you are interested.
- AYSO Soccer is completing their registrations and is planning on starting their season late September or early October.
- During the “60 days of Summer” the Clewiston Recreation Department, with help from sponsors, volunteers and dedicated staff, were able to hold scheduled activities for (2) three week summer camps, operated two community swimming pools, offering swimming lessons at both pools, supported and facilitated a Co-Ed Softball season at Sugarland Sports Complex, administered a Men’s Adult Basketball League at the CHS Gym and Harlem Gym, held a Kid’s Basketball Camp, helped facilitate a week long British Soccer Camp with AYSO at Sugarland Sports Complex and supported the week long Equestrian Camp at the Hendry County Rodeo Arena and we also found time to conduct our 5th Annual Beginning and Advanced Fish Camps! Thanks to everyone involved in making this a “Summer to Remember”!
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- The Electric crew resumed tree trimming this week, in addition to replacing rotten/broken utility poles.
- Lightning season is here! NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION! Visit our office today.
- The Water/Sewer crew repaired several lift station pumps this week and is painting fire hydrants with the help of the meter readers.
- Our electric crew was treated to lunch August 26th in honor of Lineworkers Appreciation Day. Thanks guys for keeping our lights on!!!!
- SCAM ALERT: Customers are once again reporting receiving phone calls from an outside source threatening to disconnect services if payment is not made immediately. The caller identifies himself/herself as being employed by the City of Clewiston but is using an out of state phone number. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE CITY OF CLEWISTON DOES NOT USE AN OUTSIDE SOURCE FOR PAYMENT COLLECTION. If you feel you been contacted by this scam, please notify the Police Department (863-983-1474) or the Utilities Office (863-983-1454).
- ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE! Our Online Utility Website is up and running. Payments can be made by credit or debit card. You can review your account activity, consumption history, and request work orders. Register your account by visiting our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov and click on the link at the bottom of the page or by going to <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl>.